

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
June 15, 2000

JUNE 23 BROWNFIELDS STUDY GROUP MEETING CANCELLED

The Brownfields Study Group meeting planned for June 23 has been canceled. The next meeting of the full Study Group will be on Friday, July 21. Please watch for information on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bsg/index.htm>.

What's new on the Web?

- Our new RR Program main page! We've redesigned it to help new users locate basic program information, and to help regular users get right to the new stuff. <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm>

- The June issue of ReNews, the Remediation and Redevelopment newsletter, is on the web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR651.pdf>

- Updated lists of sites contaminated by discharges from petroleum tank systems are on the web at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/cleanup/pecfa/index.html>.

Separate lists show sites under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, sites under the jurisdiction of DNR and sites for which the jurisdiction has not yet been determined. Under joint rule COMM 46/NR 746, DNR has site jurisdiction until information from the site investigation can be used to determine the risk classification and final jurisdiction. The original shift in jurisdiction of sites from DNR to Commerce occurred on December 1, 1999. However the legislature didn't approve reallocation of resources to manage these case files until May 8, 2000. In the interim DNR has maintained the files for sites to be transferred, and transferred files to Commerce whenever an official decision was needed. Now that resources associated with these cases have been shifted, Commerce has notified DNR that it is ready to pick up the remainder of the files. The schedule for the transfer of files is: files from South Central Region by June 15; files from Southeast Region by June 30; files from Northeast Region by July 15; and files from Northern and West Central Regions by July 30, 2000. Because DNR has already packed and sealed these files in boxes, consultants should wait to send routine file updates on the newly transferred sites to Commerce until after the file transfer dates. DNR will not respond to routine correspondence received on these files. If a site decision is needed (e.g. case closure requests), but the site file is packed for transfer, consultants should send the closure request to Commerce and notify DNR of the request. DNR will then get that file to Commerce. Consultants should remember to send all site investigation reports for sites where jurisdiction is unassigned to either DNR or Commerce based on the site risk factors and whether there is contamination unrelated to storage of a petroleum product. High risk sites where the site investigation report should be sent to DNR include: 1) confirmed contamination in a water supply well above an NR 140 preventive action limit, 2) confirmed free petroleum product with a thickness of .01 feet or more, 3) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard within 1000 feet of a well operated by a public utility, 4) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard within 100 feet of any other water supply well, and 5) groundwater contamination above an NR 140 enforcement standard in fractured bedrock. The jurisdiction for sites where petroleum contamination is co-mingled with non-petroleum contamination also remains with DNR. All other site investigation reports should be sent

directly to Commerce with a copy of the cover letter sent to DNR. DNR will then transfer any initial file information in its possession to Commerce.

HEARING DATE REMINDERS

The Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources will hold joint public hearings on emergency rule NR 746 and Comm 46, with related amendments to chs. NR 700, 716, 720, 722 and 726. The rules cover sites contaminated with petroleum products from petroleum storage tanks. The rules are already in effect as emergency rules, these hearings will solicit comments on making the rules permanent. NR 746 is posted on the RR program web site at

http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/comm46_emergency.pdf

The hearings will be:

- June 15, 2000, Room 511 in GEF 2, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin at 1:00 pm;
- July 10, 2000, classroom, Havenwoods Center, 6141 N. Hopkins, Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 10:00 am;
- July 12, 2000, Room 2, UW Extension, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin at 11:00 am.

Public hearings on emergency rules for the Brownfield Site Assessment Grants (SAG), NR 168, will be held:

- Monday June 12, in room 158, DNR West Central Region Headquarters, 1300 W. Clairemont, Eau Claire, at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday June 13, in conference room A, Courthouse Annex, 1462 Strong Street, Stevens Point, at 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday June 15, Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information and a copy of the draft SAG rule see DNR's Community Financial Assistance web page at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/SAG.html>

Interested persons may also contact Percy Mather at 608-266-9263, or at mathep@dnr.state.wi.us

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